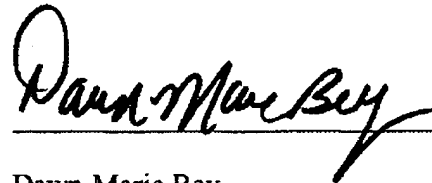


REMARKS

In the Office Action dated October 3, 2003, the Office indicated the allowability of claims 1-3, 5-12 and 23 and maintained the rejection of claims 13 and 15-22. The undersigned hereby cancels claims 13 and 15-22 in order to expedite the prosecution of the current application. The undersigned reserves the right to file a continuation application including claims 13 and 15-22. Accordingly, the undersigned now submits that the remaining claims, 1-3, 5-12 and 23 are in condition for allowance in view of the cited prior art and earnestly request a notice of allowance to that effect. Should there be any further issues regarding prosecution of this case, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned at the number provided below.

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